

REMARKS

Claims 2, 4 to 8, and 12 have been canceled. Upon entry of the amendment, claims 1, 3, 9 to 11, and 13-32 will be pending in the application.

I. Response to Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 2, 4 to 8, and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 by Yabuki et al., Yamamoto'175, Oka et al.'925, and Oka et al.'288. In response to the rejection, claims 2, 4 to 8, and 12 have been canceled.

II. Response to Nonstatutory Provisional Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1 to 17 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 18 to 43 of copending Application No. 10/285,644. Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to Application No. 10/285,644. Accordingly, the withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

III. Declaration

A new declaration claiming continuation-in-part status from Application 10/285,644 and acknowledging the duty to disclose information material to patentability which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of this application accompanies this

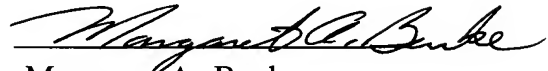
response.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, all the claims pending in the application are believed to be allowable. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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